

NEW WAGE AND HOUR LEGISLATION STUDIED

FILIBUSTER TO
BLOCK COURT
REFORM AIRED

Opponents of Judiciary Reorganization Declare Strength Growing Rapidly as Strategy Discussed for Senate Action on Proposal.

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—Members of both sides in the controversy over enlarging the Supreme Court agreed today that they were not going to attempt to block action indefinitely if they chose filibustering tactics.

Administration leaders, however, expressed doubt any group would be willing to prevent a vote.

Opponents were not talking filibuster; they were after enough votes to beat court reorganization and declared they had almost enough.

Privately, however, foes of the President's program said they were ready to make any move to curb filibusters by cloture, that frequently used Senate procedure for forcing a vote.

Despite Administration unwillingness to face the possibility of filibuster, it was this possibility gave rise to talk of compromise.

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VERNON LIONS AND FAIRVIEW TO
MEET TONIGHT IN FINAL GAME
OF DISTRICT 9 CAGE TOURNEY

Wichita Falls, Feb. 20.—The Vernon High School Lions and the Fairview Bears, Wichita County champions, survived the semi-finals of the District 9 basketball tournament here this morning and will meet at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the championship final on the floor of the Wichita Falls High School gymnasium. The winner of this game will compete in the regional interscholastic league tournament next week at Denton.

Unbalanced Diet Seen
As Hazard in Traffic

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 20. (AP)—An unbalanced diet was classed as a highway menace by the Illinois Health Department. Lack of vitamin A in the diet causes "night blindness," the department reported. "This lack of vision undoubtedly plays an important part in motor accidents during twilight and darkness."

TRIO TRAPPED
IN NASHVILLE
FIRE; SEVEN
INJURED

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 20. (AP)—Seven firemen were injured and three were trapped under a falling roof, their fate undetermined, in flames which destroyed one building and damaged another on the edge of Nashville's business district today.

The fire originated in the four-story building housing the W. E. Stephens Manufacturing Company. Only the walls were standing an hour after the alarm was sounded.

The flames spread to the adjoining Neely-Harwell Company building.

The firemen were injured when the upper floors of the Stephens building collapsed, sending burning timbers crashing to the basement.

Falling debris blocked all entrances and made the search for the missing men difficult.

3,300-BARREL
WELL OPENED

PHILLIPS OFFICIALS HERE
AS NEW PRODUCER GIVEN
THREE-HOUR TEST

Production of slightly over 3,300 barrels of oil per day was indicated in a three-hour test of the Phillips No. 51, Wagoner, well late yesterday afternoon.

Company officials present for the test were C. P. Dittis, general superintendent, and George Shuster, assistant division superintendent, of Bartlesville, Okla., and Oklahoma City respectively.

The well, located on section 44, block 4, H&T.C.R.R. survey in the Rock Crossing area, Tuesday tapped an oil bearing formation at 3,076 feet, the existence of which had hitherto been unsuspected.

CONFLICT ON
FARM TENANCY
PLAN APPEARS

Divergent Views on Land Tenure Under Proposed Program To Finance Purchases Appears as House Committee Studies Financing Plan.

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—Congressmen drafting farm tenant aid faced today a sharp conflict between divergent philosophies of land tenure.

The disagreement cropped out in hearings before the House agriculture committee on proposals that the Government finance tenant purchase of farm homes.

Secretary Wallace urged the Government retain title to any land it might help tenants buy for at least 20 years and in most cases 40 years.

Chairman Jones, Democrat, Texas, and several committee members took issue but others supported Wallace. Jones insisted title should be transferred to the tenant-buyer as soon as he paid 25 per cent of the purchase price, the Government taking a mortgage on the balance.

Wallace said in the interest of the general welfare the Government should retain control of the land long enough to establish proper agricultural methods. He said it would take a generation to do that.

DEATH TAKES
MRS. E. GOLD

RITES ARE ARRANGED HERE
FOR FORMER RESIDENT
OF VERNON

Funeral services for Mrs. E. Gold, mother of Mrs. N. P. Craig and Earl Dye of Vernon, will be conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the Church of Christ by Elder L. N. Moody, minister. Burial in the East View Cemetery will be under the direction of the Underwood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gold, a resident of Wilbarger County many years, died Friday night in Electra at the home of a son, B. E. Dye, following illness of four months. She was 76 years of age.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. George Brown of Georgetown, Texas and Mrs. Craig, five sons, W. H. Scott, E. Dye, B. E. Dye, E. Dye, S. B. Dye of Kern, E. G. Dye of Georgetown and Earl Dye of Vernon; a sister, Mrs. Winston Cunningham of Scottsboro, Ala.; 19 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Gold was born Sept. 24, 1860, in Scottsboro, Ala. Her maiden name was Miss Louisa Lovinia Adams. In 1879 she was married to D. L. Dye, who later moved to Cooke County, Texas, in 1883 and from there to Wilbarger County in 1902, settling in the Midway community. The family moved to a farm near Sudan, Texas, in 1907 and to Mangum, Okla., in 1910. Death claimed Mr. Dye at Mangum in 1913.

Returning to Vernon at that time, Mrs. Dye resided here until 1928 when she became the wife of E. Gold. Mr. Gold died in 1935 at Luning, Mich., where he and Mrs. Gold had resided several years. Mrs. Gold returned to Vernon and resided here until going to Electra about eight months ago.

A committee, consisting of M. G. Neather, chairman, and Mrs. L. E. McCurdy, and Dr. H. H. Hargrove, was named to request the City Commission to provide for installation of a "stop" sign on Paradise Street at the intersection with Main and to arrange for warning signs to be placed at crossings near schools.

The council voted that each member represent on the council to contribute a proportionate part of a total of \$29 to be used as a membership fee for the Vernon organization in the National Safety Council.

Illinois Sheriff
May Call Guards

Legislative Infant To des Name

Atlanta, Feb. 20. (AP)—Andrew J. Kelly, clerk of the Georgia House of Representatives, thanked a two-week-old son a silver service and a name.

Accepting the gift in behalf of the baby, Kelly said: "We had not decided what name to give the little fellow, but since you have had the gift engraved 'Andrew Jackson Kelly, Jr.' that will be his name."

SECOND RIOT
MARKS EFFORT
TO OUST CREW

Waukegan Officer Delays Action in Requesting Troops as Conciliators Push Efforts To Reach Agreement—Deputies Lose Badges in Fight.

Waukegan, Ill., Feb. 20. (AP)—Special deputies maintained vigil about the Pansteel Metallurgical Corporation plant today while Sheriff L. A. Duell considered a call for State troops as his next move to evict 82 sidown strikers entrenched in the factory.

Max Swerin, general counsel for the corporation, said it would "demand the sheriff appeal to the Governor for troops" if he were unable to dislodge the strikers with his own force, which was beaten back Friday by the workers.

Friday the sheriff termed the "out of control" but he was requested by State and Federal conciliators to postpone an appeal to the Governor for guardsmen temporarily.

The conciliators said they hoped to obtain an agreement between the contending parties at conference today.

There was no recurrence of rioting during the early daylight hours and most of the sheriff's force of 200 special officers was withdrawn from the strike scene. Still, however, a plant was a detachment of about 40 officers.

A brief riot between the full force of special deputies and strike sympathizers in a crowd of 300 persons near the factory grounds last night increased tension in the North Chicago community.

Earlier the "sit-downers" behind nailed doors in two buildings refused a force of 125 men under Sheriff Duell which attempted to evict them in compliance with a court order directing evacuation of the factory. Three strikers and as many deputies were injured, none seriously.

The second disturbance started when strike sympathizers ripped badges from several special officers. The deputies swung clubs and batted bats freely. The crowd dispersed after driving most of the deputies from their posts.

EMPLOYER SITS DOWN AS
WORKERS HOLD FACTORY

Detroit, Feb. 20. (AP)—Walter L. Fry, president of the Fry Products Company of Detroit became the Nation's No. 1 boss sit-down today.

REVISION OF
FAIR TRADE
LAWS TALKED

President Considers Plan Offered by Administration Experts To Attain Goal Under Present Framework of Constitution—New Board Proposed.

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—Unimpeachable authorities disclosed today President Roosevelt was considering a flexible program to outlast excessively low wages and long hours through revisions of the fair trade practice and anti-trust laws.

Besides fixing mandatory wage and hour standards, the projected legislation would provide a broad system of voluntary agreements under which business men could ban unfair and wasteful trade practices.

Mr. Roosevelt, it was emphasized, has not had time for a detailed study.

May Rush Plan. Officials said Administration legal experts believe the program could be fitted into the present framework of the Constitution and past Supreme Court rulings. If the President finally approves, they said, the court reorganization issue therefore need not delay its presentation.

Under the proposal, Congress would make it a violation of fair practice laws for industries engaged in interstate commerce to pay excessively low wages or work employees unduly long hours.

A new board would be created to formulate wage and hour standards for each industry. This board probably would be attached to the present Federal Trade Commission.

It would fix the standards after industry-wide hearings, much as the old NRA codes were drafted. Its regulations, however, would be limited to wages and hours.

The labor standards, officials said, would be aimed entirely at elimination of sweatshop conditions. Among minimum standards would be abolition of child labor.

MAJOR POINTS IN NEW PROGRAM ARE OUTLINED

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—Highlights of the industrial program now under study by President Roosevelt: A new body, probably attached to the Federal Trade Commission, would prescribe minimum wage and hour standards for each industry operating in interstate commerce.

The standards would be enforced either by the new board of the present trade commission through issuance of "cease and desist" orders.

Violation of these orders might bring fines or other penalties but there would be no criminal punishment.

A system of voluntary trade agreements, designed to wipe out wasteful and unfair practices, would be defended by Government attorneys from legal attacks.

Fair practice and anti-trust laws would be revamped to effect the program.

PEASE MEASURE
GETS APPROVAL

TAX REMISSION IN FOUR
COUNTIES RECOMMENDED
BY HOUSE BODY

Austin, Feb. 20. (AP)—The House State affairs committee Friday favorably recommended a bill by Representative George Moffett of Chickadee which would remit State ad valorem taxes in Hardeman, Ford, Cottle and Wilbarger counties for two years to provide \$200,000 for the purchase of a lake and dam on the Pease River between Quanah and Crowell. The Pease River district hopes to obtain Federal assistance in financing a \$3,000,000 dam.

GREEN MAKES NEW BID
FOR UNITY IN UNIONS

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, replied to an attack by John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers with a new bid today for unity in organized labor's ranks.

The former mine laborer announced the executive council of the Federation had reaffirmed its desire for a meeting with the Committee on Industrial Organization, headed by Lewis, to seek settlement of their differences.

At the same time, the council denounced a mine workers' policy committee for "sneak and bitterness" in demanding that Green be expelled from the union for criticizing the General Motors strike.

SIX CHARGED AFTER
MARBLE BOARDS SEIZED

Warrants were issued Saturday for six Vernon men charged with "unlawful keeping and exhibiting, for the purpose of gaming, gaming tables and banks." The warrants were issued as the result of raids Friday in which Wilbarger County officers took seven marble boards, allegedly operating in defiance of a recent order that the machines be removed.

The felony charges were filed by County Attorney Curtis R. Runtz against owners of the machines and proprietors of the establishments in which they were allegedly being operated.

no arrests had been made early this afternoon.

SUSPECT ADMITS HIDING
BODY OF GIRL IN CRASH

Coatesville, Pa., Feb. 20. (AP)—State police announced today the arrest of Alexander Myers, 20, a farmer, and said he related he had accidentally run down and killed Helen Moyer nine days ago and hid her body in a well on his place.

County Detective Francis Grubb said Myers stated that he became panicky after striking the girl and decided to conceal the body. Later, Grubb said, Myers dynamited the top of the well so as to further hide the body.

State police said Myers agreed to lead them to the well and aid in recovering the body.

SUICIDE VERDICT GIVEN
IN HASKELL MAN'S DEATH

Haskell, Feb. 20.—A suicide verdict announced Friday ended a day's flurry of excitement over the death Thursday of A. M. Woodruff. Woodruff died in a Stanford hospital late Thursday afternoon from gunshot wounds received Thursday morning.

Fishing Ban Asked. Austin, Feb. 20. (AP)—A bill to prevent commercial fishing in the Nueces River between Calallen dam and the west line of Live Oak County or on tributaries within Live Oak, San Antonio and Nueces counties, has been introduced by Representative W. E. Pope of Corpus Christi.

The bill would close Lake Corpus Christi to commercial fishing, as provided in another bill by Shell approved by the House earlier in the session.

FORD OPPOSES PLAN TO
CHANGE SUPREME COURT

Ford, Ga., Feb. 20. (AP)—Henry Ford joined today those opposing President Roosevelt's plan to increase the number of Supreme Court justices. In one of his rare interviews, granted while resting at his Bryan County Winter estate, the motor car manufacturer said he opposed the plan to change the court because it gives one man "too much power."

Position of Treasury.

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—The position of the Treasury on Feb. 18: receipts \$13,785,747.32; expenditures, \$27,782,568.68; balance \$1,580,664.32; 32.33; customs receipts for the month, \$26,087,440.46. Receipts for the fiscal year (since July 1) \$2,631,681,451.75; expenditures \$4,618,620,125.59, including \$1,857,055,470.36 of emergency expenditures; excess of expenditures \$1,886,938,679.94; gross debt \$34,553,327,324.15, a decrease of \$2,166,417.25 under the previous day; gold assets \$11,409,751,742.86, including \$478,728,285.27 of inactive gold.

VICEROY OF ETHIOPIA HURT

NATIVES HURL BOMBS IN ADDIS ABABA DURING CELEBRATION

Rome, Feb. 20. (AP)—Marshal Graziani, Viceroy of Ethiopia, was wounded slightly by a hand grenade, an official communique announced today, when rebellious natives at Addis Ababa attempted to assassinate him as he presented them with gifts.

Many others, including the Abuna Cyrillos of Ethiopia, were gravely wounded, the announcement said, when the natives hurled the grenade during a huge celebration of the birth of Prince Vittorio Emanuele, future Emperor of Ethiopia.

As the ceremony was about to end, the Ethiopians drew the grenades from beneath their white shemmas and threw them at the group surrounding the Viceroy on the rostrum.

The officials were knocked off their feet by the explosions. Graziani was slightly wounded by the fragments.

The tremendous confusion covered the escape of the bomb throwers.

SPANISH REFUGEE HID IN COFFIN TO ESCAPE REDS

Lisbon, Portugal, Feb. 20. (AP)—The newspaper Seculo said today how Alberto Esteve, a Spanish manufacturer with insurgent sympathies, played dead in Malaga cemetery for two months.

Esteve said he hid in an empty coffin in the family tomb to escape Government troops during Government domination of the seaport. He emerged last week when the insurgents took the town.

Each night, said Esteve, he heard the screams of persons being executed in the graveyard. He suggested on food which his sisters concealed in wreaths which they laid each day upon graves.

His hair, jet black two months ago, turned a snowy white.

Race to Start Training

New York, Feb. 20. (AP)—Max Baer arrived today from California, anxious to get down to serious training to launch a campaign which he hopes will carry him back to the heavyweight heights again. The giant Baer, weighing 216 pounds, arrived in tow of his little manager, Anell Hoffman, who immediately set out looking for a training camp somewhere in the suburbs "away from the night clubs."

Lindberghs in India

Karachi, India, Feb. 20. (AP)—Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh took off today at 12:20 p. m. (3:20 a. m. E. S. T.) for an unannounced destination, after a pause of less than an hour at this Arabian sea port on the north coast of India. They had reached here after a 200-mile flight from little known Gaudard.

Since their wives are now in England, Johnny Weissmuller and Lester Matthews, former neighbors at Malibu Beach, are now "bathing it" together.

Record classified ads get results.

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ADMISSION Stand 1st

NOW SHOWING

CHARLES STARRETT

and

ROSALIND KEITH

in

"WEST BOUND MAIL"

4-H MEMBERS CONVENE HERE

Members of boys' and girls' 4-H clubs of Wilbarger County were in Vernon today for general discussions of club work and demonstrations. Approximately 25 boys and 65 girls were present at the County Farm Agent's office and the Yamparka clubhouse, respectively.

Members of the boys' clubs visiting the Vernon Meat Company this morning where they inspected various cuts of meat in preparation for meat identification to be conducted as club demonstrations.

A dress making contest was being held by members of the girls' clubs under the direction of Miss Doris Leggett, County Home Demonstration Agent.

Fred Rannels, County Farm Agent, was in charge of the boys' meeting. Recreational activities were planned for this afternoon at the banquet room of the Wilbarger Hotel with both boys and girls taking part.

EXTENSION OF CHARGES IN VOTE FRAUD MAPPED

Kansas City, Feb. 20. (AP)—Extension of stirring charges against five election officials was the Government's aim today in summoning new witnesses at their vote conspiracy trial.

Already witnesses have testified: That a defendant claimed on the night of the election last November, when Kansas City joined the Democratic landslide, things were "fixed from the Governor down."

That he also said "we" will oust Federal Judge Merrill E. Otis, now presiding at the trial, and U. S. District Attorney Maurice M. Milligan, who is prosecuting it.

That some vote counters were intimidated.

That ballot boxes were stuffed—or emptied.

That an "order" was received that "100 more votes are needed."

Yesterday, concluding trial of the first of 75 persons indicted, the Government convicted two Democratic election officials.

\$89,299.62 SPENT ON TICKS ELIMINATION IN TWO YEARS

Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 20. (AP)—Data available as the Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission shows \$89,299.62 was spent the past two years in tick eradication in 12 southeast Texas counties. This area is the only portion of the state considered tick-infested territory.

More than half of the money was expended in Nacogdoches County where \$25,881.14 was spent in 1935, and \$28,490.57 in 1936. Hardin and Newton counties received the most money to combat predatory animals.

Other counties where eradication work was pursued are Angelina, Cherokee, Jasper, Sabine, San Augustine, Tyler, Liberty, Orange, and Jefferson.

The money was provided by the Livestock Sanitary Commission and was exclusive of funds expended by counties. Salaries of inspectors are paid by the counties, Jefferson employing three.

Crop Outlook Good

McKinney, Texas, Feb. 19. (AP)—The crop outlook in Collin County is excellent, says Farm Agent Jack McCullough, rain, sleet, and snow having provided excellent moisture for spring planting. Oatons, now being set out, will be grown in less volume than last year, but is expected cotton acreage will be increased.

VERNON
LAST DAY

IN AFRICAN JUNGLES!

WARNER BAXTER and JUNE LANG

"THE WHITE HUNTER"

DRUG PURGE IS EXPANDED

CHINESE POLICE SPEED UP CAMPAIGN AGAINST NARCOTIC USERS

Shanghai, Feb. 20. (Sunday)—Chinese police, feverishly raiding narcotic dens, worked today to clean up the so-called "model city" of Nantung after 70 residents had been sentenced to die for habitual use of habit forming drugs.

The raids, launched without warning, were inspired by Nanking officials represented in Chinese reports as anxious to purify the "drug soaked community."

Hundreds more alleged addicts are doomed to imprisonment and death as the "be cured or die" campaign grew in intensity, the authorities declared.

"The courts are working night and day trying prisoners, hundreds of whom have been sentenced to hard labor in the municipal factory which is being expanded to accommodate the additional prisoners," Nanking officials said.

Extending the anti-narcotic drive to Nantung, 75 miles northwest of Shanghai, after first executions of dealers at Peiping several weeks ago, Chinese police arrested 2,000 others suspected of selling or using habit forming narcotics.

Jails were crowded to capacity as the stream of prisoners was dragged from narcotic dens. When the jail population exhausted the available cells, authorities ordered the city's temples turned over for temporary detention centers.

A. F. L. TO ASK PROBE ON LACK OF STEEL BIDS

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, said today he would ask the Justice Department to determine if there had been any irregularities in bidding on Government steel contracts.

He said the A. F. of L. Council would oppose any attempt to break the jam in the flow of steel to Navy yards for new ship building by modifying or setting aside the labor standards set up for Government contractors in the Walsh-Healey law.

Naval officials, worried by the failure of steel companies to bid for contracts to supply the Navy's steel needs, have said construction of new ships, stressed in naval policy because of the activities of other nations, might be held up.

NEW SERMON SERIES AT BAPTIST CHURCH PLANNED

Dr. H. H. Hargrove, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, will begin a series of sermons on texts taken from the Sermon on the Mount Sunday evening, according to an announcement today. The title of the series is "Virgin Christianity" and the subject Sunday evening will be "Christ's Portrait of a Christian." The evening service will begin at 7:00 o'clock.

MAJORITY OF G. M. C. MEN RETURN TO FACTORIES

Detroit, Feb. 20. (AP)—One hundred and twenty-seven thousand of the 130,000 General Motor employees who were idle at the peak of the recent strike were back at work today, a week after the Corporation began recalling workers.

Executives reported 220,000 of the 235,000 employees were on duty but shortages of materials delayed complete resumption of operations in a few plants. The remaining 13,000 are expected to return to work next week.

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- EXTRA -

Paramount News Special

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Produced—Directed—Written
by **KING VIDOR**

A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

Speaker



E. A. Sanders, above, superintendent of the Quana Public Schools, will be speaker at a banquet for Vernon public school teachers Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the American Legion Hall. Joe Melton of the high school faculty will act as toastmaster. Mrs. Horace Lovelady is general chairman of arrangements, and the personnel of other committees is as follows: Tickets—T. G. McCord and Frank Coulter; program—Misses Janetta Little and L. A. Osborn; decorations—Mrs. A. R. Baldwin, and Misses Mary Helen Moseley and Lulu Kate Johnson; menu—Miss Mary Lee Green, John Spradlin, and Clyde Norman; speaker—Mrs. J. G. McCarrill. Superintendent W. T. Lofland, and Mrs. C. J. Price.

HERE, THERE AND YONDER

Starling Trapped.

A banded starling, seasonal pest of Washington, D. C., has been trapped by Durwood Eads, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Eads of 2727 Wheeler Street. Young Eads and a boy friend were engaged in active study of bird life and have captured numerous varieties of birds in a trap at his home. Bread crumbs provide a strong inducement for birds to step into Eads' trap. The U. S. Biological Survey has been notified of the band number found on the starling.

Pension Hopes Up

Hopes of an aged Negro for an old age pension were given a boost Friday when R. D. L. Kilgough, Vernon attorney, received an answer from an inquiry sent to Bryan verifying the fact that the Negro married in July, 1883. The Negro told investigators he recalled Lincoln's proclamation freeing slaves, but his statement is not acceptable for pension records without verification. His marriage 54 years ago is expected to give weight to his claims.

Banks to Close

Banks of Vernon will be closed all day Monday in observance of the birthday of George Washington.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK GETS CONFIDENCE VOTE IN CHINA

Nanking, China, Feb. 20. (AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek won a quick and unanimous vote of confidence tonight from the chiefs of the Government Nominating Party.

They rejected his offer to resign all his positions and urged he continue "at the command of China's ship of state."

Chiang told the party leaders he was responsible, as Generalissimo for the lack of discipline which resulted in the December Sianfu mutiny and his own kidnapping by "Young Marshal" Chiang Hsueh-Liang. Chang, now pardoned and given back his full civil rights, is preparing to resume his former command in Sianfu Province.

Record classified ads get results

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE—Still got corn for sale, wheat and little Leftlet gin. No checks taken. J. H. Kincaid, 95-5275

NOTICE—Winners of motor contest on Sugar Pans of 1937 may secure their tickets by seeing E. A. Vernon at Record office. 95-5275

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Daily Markets

(By ASSOCIATED PRESS LEASED WIRE)

VERNON MARKETS			
COTTON			
Middling, %	12.05		
Middling, 15-16	9.55		
COTTON PRODUCTS			
Cottonseed, per ton	\$35		
GRAIN			
Oats	.50		
Barley	.90		
Wheat	\$1.20		
PRODUCE			
Eggs, dozen	.10		
Fryers, per pound	.15		
Heavy hens, per pound	.10		
Leghorns, light hens	.08		
Roosters, per pound	.04		
DAIRY PRODUCTS			
Sour Cream	.20		
COTTON			
New York			
New York, Feb. 20. (AP)—Cotton futures opened steady at 1 to 5 points advance on higher Liverpool cables, and on trade and commission house buying. March 12.67; May 12.42; July 12.31; October 11.85; December 11.79; January 11.79.			
March liquidation continued, however, in advance of first notice day Tuesday. That position eased a few points in early trading but other months held fairly steady on buying against sales of the nearby positions.			
The trade was again the best but there was also a little commission house and foreign buying of later months.			
Announcement by the Commodity Credit Corp. requests for release of Government loan cotton covering 250,412 bales to midnight Thursday had been received by the loan agencies of the Reconstruction Finance Corp. were about in line with trade expectations.			
Futures closed steady, 1 to 5 higher.			
Open	High	Low	Close
Mar.12.57	12.58	12.55	12.55-57
May12.42	12.41	12.40	12.42
July12.31	12.31	12.29	12.29-29
Oct11.85	11.84	11.81	11.83
Dec11.79	11.80	11.75	11.78-79
Jan11.78	11.79	11.78	11.79
Spot steady; middling 12.05.			
New Orleans			
New Orleans, Feb. 20. (AP)—Gains ranging from 3 to 6 points were marked up by cotton futures at the start of trading today.			
Buying came from both trade and speculative sources with March bought in actively by trade shorts. Today was the last trading before the first notice day for the March position because of the exchange holiday on Monday, Washington's birthday.			
March opened at 12.46, May at 12.37, July at 12.29 and December at 11.86.			
Foreign markets were better. Liverpool coming in higher than day and this was a contributing factor to the good trading tone at New Orleans.			
Early weather reports were mostly favorable, although the central belt received heavy rains overnight. Temperatures approximated normal in most sections.			
Futures closed steady at net advances of 1 to 4 points.			
Open	High	Low	Close
Mar.12.46	12.46	12.43	12.46
May12.37	12.37	12.35	12.36-37
July12.29	12.29	12.24	12.24
Oct11.82	11.82	11.79	11.80
Dec11.86	11.87	11.80	11.86-87
Jan11.86	11.86	11.86	11.86
Liverpool			
Liverpool, Feb. 20. (AP)—Cotton 14,000 bales, including 7,700 American. Spots steady; prices three points higher. Quotations in pence: American, strict good middling 8.02; good middling 7.72; strict middling 7.42; middling 7.25; strict low middling 6.97; low middling 6.47; strict good ordinary 6.07; good ordinary 5.6. Futures closed very steady. March 6.97; May 6.97; July 6.92; September 6.65; October 6.57; January 6.51.			
PRODUCE			
Chicago			
Chicago, Feb. 20. (AP)—Poultry, live, 5 trucks, steady; hens over 5 lbs. 16½, 5 lbs. and less 17; Leghorn hens 13½; springs, Plymouth and White Rock 21; broilers, White Rock 23, Plymouth Rock 25, bachelors 18; Leghorn chickens 13; roosters 12.			

GRAIN			
Chicago			
Chicago, Feb. 20. (AP)—Rains and snows in parts of domestic winter crop territory southwest led to material downturns of wheat prices early today. Active buying on declines, however, was much in evidence.			
Opening ¼-1½ down, May 1.34½-1.35, July 1.17-1.18, Chicago wheat futures then dropped further. Corn started unchanged to ½ lower, May 1.07½, July 1.09½-1.10.			
LIVESTOCK			
Fort Worth			
Fort Worth, Feb. 20. (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs 600; top 9.60 paid by packers; good to choice 175-300 lb. averages 9.50-60; 150-170 lb. averages 8.25-9.35; medium to good butcher pigs 5.00-6.25.			
Cattle 400; calves 200; top yearling steers 10.00; best matured heifers 9.25; yearling heifers 8.50; top cows 6.00; good weighty bulls up to 4.50; best slaughter calves 7.65.			
Sheep none; good and choice carlot lambs mostly 10.00; bulk medium to good woolly lambs by truck 9.00-7.50; medium to good shorn lambs 7.00-7.50; few weaned yearlings 8.00; weaned two-year-old wethers 7.00 and weaned aged wethers 6.00; medium to good weaned ewes 5.75-5.25; shorn ewes 5.50-4.00; shorn aged wethers 5.00; weaned feeder lambs 5.00-5.50.			
Oklahoma City			
Oklahoma City, Feb. 20. (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Cattle 50, calves 50, week's prices; Small lots good fed steers up to \$10.00; practical top 9.75 paid for several loads medium weight and heavy steers; bulk medium and good short fed light steers and yearlings 7.50-8.40; good to choice mixed yearlings 8.50-9.00; fed heifers mostly 7.25-8.50; bulk beef cows 5.50-5.00; bulls 4.25-5.50, best slaughter calves 7.75.			
Hogs 200; few sales butchers to packers steady at 9.75 and down; odd cows 8.75; for the week butchers steady to 10 lower; laker packer top 9.75; for killers 9.85.			
Chicago			
Chicago, Feb. 20. (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs 4,500; quotable top 10.25; few loads medium to low choice 200-290 lbs. 10.00 to 10.10; medium grade lightweights 9.00 to 9.75; odd lots good 400-500 lbs. sows 9.25 to 9.50; shippers took 150; estimated holdover, 1,000.			
Cattle 100, calves 100; bulk fat steers 8.50 to 12.50; top 14.50 paid for long yearlings as well as prime 1,440 lbs. bullocks; little above 13.50; prime 955 lbs. heifers 12.25 practical top heifers 10.75.			
POTATOES			
Chicago			
Chicago, Feb. 20. (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Potatoes 65; on track 286; total U. S. shipments 768; old stock, dull, slightly weaker undertone, supplies moderate, demand very slow; sacked per cwt. Idaho Russet Burbanks U. S. No. 1 3.45 to 4.10; U. S. No. 2 2.85; Colorado Red Norclares U. S. No. 1 3.35.			

PORTUGAL EXPECTED TO ALLOW BRITISH CHECK ON AID IN CONFLICT

(By the Associated Press)

Reports of government successes came from Valencia and Madrid as Europe's nations laid final plans for clamping an embargo on the western peninsula at midnight Saturday.

Portugal, not entirely favorable to the blockade plans, was expected to fall in line over the weekend, allowing British inspectors to see she does not send armaments to her neighbor.

The nations took official individual steps to punish volunteers for the war as hundreds of last-minute battle-minded men rushed toward the Franco-Spanish border—trying to beat the midnight deadline. The final rush through Perpignan, France, was expected to total 500—some 11,000 foreign volunteers were authoritatively estimated to have passed through since the war started.

Government troops, changing tactics, reported gains northwest of Madrid. Insurgents, Madrid said, were chased from coveted Aravaca heights, bringing a concentration of General Franco's troops there to stop the new offensive.

The maneuver was planned to

Spain Faces Heavy Guard

weaken pressure on Madrid from the Jarama River front.

Heavy insurgent concentrations were evident in the northwest and southeast fronts.

Strong government positions were reported won between Pozoblanco and Arjonilla near Andajar, Jaen Province, South Central Spain.

Salamanca reports, however, said insurgents had captured 300 Government militia in cleanup operations in Granada and Malaga Provinces.

Last Laugh

Indianapolis, Feb. 20. (AP)—J. B. Jordan, alias Martin, 32, Denver comic artist, had a good laugh here today but the laugh was on himself. When two men came to his room Jordan showed them his funny cartoons of prison life and laughed. But the men, Detectives Labman and Coleman, looked elsewhere in room and found what they said was approximately \$200 in stolen jewelry.

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San Pedro, Calif., Feb. 20. (AP)—A Naval board of inquiry began its investigation today of the gun blast aboard the demilitarized battleship Wyoming which cost seven lives during maneuvers off San Clemente Island Thursday.

No blame for the tragedy could be placed on any member of the training ship's personnel, the inquiry board announced last night. It withheld the rest of its findings, which were made available to the inquiry board today.

Chief Gunner's Mate J. G. Berry, who was standing behind Captain Edward Trumble, one of those killed, said it was the "warhead" or detonator of a five inch shell which exploded, and not the 50 pound powder charge, as was first reported.

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR MARSHALL FORD DAM GATES

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—Secretary Ickes announced today award of contracts totaling \$1,786,379 for 24 sets of 102-inch control gates and appurtenances for Marshall Ford dam.

The dam, dedicated by Ickes recently, is under construction by the Bureau of Reclamation on the Colorado River in Texas.

The Bureau said that of three proposals received, the lowest combination was submitted by the S. Morgan Smith Company, of York, Pa., the Bartlett Hardware Division of Koopers Company, Baltimore and the Hardie-Tynes Manufacturing Company, of Birmingham, Ala. Each was awarded a contract for the manufacturing and delivery of 8 sets of gates.

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DUST CLOUDS VANISH AS PRECIPITATION GIVES FARMERS HOPE

Hugoton, Kan., Feb. 20. (AP)—Snow and rain cleansed the air today of the choking dust clouds which plagued parts of Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Texas during the week. Hopes of wheat farmers soared. The ground was covered with two to three inches of snow from Dodge City, Kan., to Denver, with more snow falling heavily. At Great Bend, Kan., the blanket was four inches deep. No dust was reported at any point in the four-state area. Snow continued falling in Southwestern Colorado, reaching blizzard intensity at Trinidad. An inch and a half of snow, or more, covered the Oklahoma Panhandle, shading into rain farther east. Eastern Oklahoma was drenched with heavy rain. Much colder weather was predicted for the Southwest over the weekend. Temperature drops of 20 to 50 degrees were reported at many points today. Light, scattered rains fell in Texas.

SCHOOL LEADERS TALK AT HEALTH MEET HERE

...SCHOOL LEADERS... A panel discussion of "Sex Education in High Schools" was given by W. T. Lofland, superintendent of Vernon Public Schools, Knox Kinard, superintendent of the Oklahoma schools, and Mrs. J. B. Ross, County Superintendent of Education, Saturday morning at a health meeting in the County Court room. The meeting was called by Mrs. Ruby Rippey, County Health Nurse, and the group of 44 present represented the county health committee, teachers of Wilbarger County, and interested Parent-Teacher officials. Dr. R. C. Stokes reported the highlights of the State Child Welfare Conference held in Austin the first week of February. S. P. Vick, health education chairman of the committee, discussed the five-point health program in the county, and Ira V. Younger outlined tentative plans for the annual May fete sponsored by the committee.

ALLRED SAYS ROOSEVELT MAY TRY FOR GULF FISH

Austin, Feb. 20. (AP)—Governor James V. Allred said today he believed there was a strong possibility President Roosevelt would try the fishing in Gulf waters off the Texas Coast next Spring or Summer. The Governor saw the President in Washington early this week and joined Senator Morris Sheppard in urging him to visit Texas. He said Mr. Roosevelt evinced much interest. "I told him the Gulf off Texas was full of fish, Allred said. The President visited the Texas Centennial celebration last year.

STATE COMMISSION OPENS STUDY OF BRIDGE TRAGEDY

San Francisco, Feb. 20. (AP)—The collapse of a Golden Gate bridge construction scaffold killing 10 workmen, came under investigation of the State Industrial Accident Commission today, after a coroner's jury blamed "failure to use certain safety equipment" for the tragedy. The commission ordered numerous witnesses to appear before it for an extensive inquiry into the accident, which a Commission inspector said followed failure to take precautions he recommended.

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Friend of Custer Tells of Indian Battles and Hunts

Menges, 85, knew General George A. Custer, who perished with his command of United States soldiers at the Little Big Horn, and once fixed the General's faulty rifle during a deer hunt. He met Custer when the General was in charge of Fort Chadbourne more than 60 years ago.

Indians had threatened the settlement in which Menges's parents lived and he, then 20, was sent to the Fort for aid. The evening of his arrival, the conversation turned to hunting and Custer remarked he needed a deer. Next morning soldiers were dispatched to the settlement but Menges remained to hunt deer with the general. Menges says he told Custer the reason he couldn't hit a deer was because his gun was faulty. Menges took Custer's rifle and fired at a mark, discovering it shot several inches to one side. This was corrected and General Custer killed his first deer. "In the late sixties Custer was stationed at Fort Griffin on the Clear Fork of the Brazos River," Menges says. "The Fort served as a base for supplies for other forts farther westward. It was a long, dangerous trip from Fort Griffin to Fort Chadbourne by wagon train. However, the wagons were not molested by Indians for a considerable time. "Then somewhere in the hills of Coke County two wagons were set upon by a band of Comanches, the drivers and guards murdered, and the supplies taken. "General Custer then sent two other wagons along the trail with the usual driver and guard in the front seat. However, instead of supplies the wagons were filled with soldiers. These wagons moved twice across the trail but not an Indian was sighted. "General Custer tried the ruse again and this time it worked. Indians swooped down and surrounded the wagons. The soldiers killed at least 25 Comanches. Custer's supply trains were never bothered after that," Menges says.

BUSY WEEK OUTLINED BY STATE ETIQUETTE BOARD

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—The supreme court of ceremonial etiquette and official keeper of the President's international calendar is the division of protocol and conferences in the State Department, which last week had to: Remind Mr. Roosevelt that it was the King of Egypt's birthday and time for the annual cablegram of good wishes to the nation on the Nile. Rule whether it was proper for the President to felicitate a king on a new grandson. If the baby were his apparent, officials explained, the cable would be in order. If he were second in line, it would raise a question to be answered by a study of records and precedents. They wouldn't say how they ruled. As a side line the division casts an anxious eye over arrangements for State affairs involving diplomats and even over Mrs. Roosevelt's luncheon. The division also supplies young men-of-the-world to take visitors from across the waters to night spots.

SEVEN FEARED LOST IN AIRLINER IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney, Australia, Feb. 20. (AP)—Seven persons, including W. Fountain, a New York architect, were unreported today on a flight from Brisbane along a route swept by gale winds. Their craft, carrying five passengers and two pilots, left Brisbane, about 475 miles north of Sydney, yesterday afternoon. It last was reported about 220 miles from its destination. Planes ordered out all along the route halted their search at nightfall, 24 hours after the liner was reported missing. When the last word came from the plane it was flying over the open sea, close to the shore route usually taken in stormy weather because of the possibility of landing on the beach.

POPE REINJURES LEG IN EFFORT TO WALK AGAIN

Vatican City, Feb. 20. (AP)—Pope Pius, by attempting to teach himself to walk again, has re-opened an ulcer in his left leg, his physicians reported today. The open sore had been partly healed until the Pope started his daily effort to take several steps, attendants said. The wound appeared in December after a varicose vein in the Pope's leg burst. The 70-year-old Pontiff's doctor ordered wider and tighter bandages wound around his leg to prevent possible development of infections in the wound.

Record classified ads get results.

SOCIAL AND CLUB NEWS

MISS LAURA LANE, Editor Phones: Office 171, Residence 836

Costume Party at Rock Crossing Is Attended By 160

One hundred and sixty persons packed the Rock Crossing School auditorium Friday evening to celebrate the fortieth birthday of the Methodist Church in that community. Miss Doris Leggett, County Home Agent, conducted the demonstration. Miss Leggett stated that ideas of beauty are acquired in much the same manner that taste for food is acquired. Unusually bright colors have come to be associated with youth, she added, while mellow colors are considered more appropriate for mature people. During the business session roll call was answered with a posture exercise. Mrs. J. J. Frost gave a report of the financial committee, and the February Council report was given by Mrs. Etta Randel. Those present at the meeting were Mesdames J. E. Calvert, Jr., Lucy Carter, G. F. Vaughn, J. E. Calvert, G. C. Vaughn, L. L. Lincoln, Oscar Vaughn, J. J. Frost, Etta Randel, Jack Phillips, and Misses Doris Leggett and Margie Ree Vaughn.

DEMONSTRATION ON WOMEN'S CLOTHING CREATES INTEREST

Much interest was shown in a demonstration on "Stylish in Women's Clothes" Thursday afternoon at a meeting of the Farmers Valley Home Demonstration Club at the Methodist Church in that community. Miss Doris Leggett, County Home Agent, conducted the demonstration. Miss Leggett stated that ideas of beauty are acquired in much the same manner that taste for food is acquired. Unusually bright colors have come to be associated with youth, she added, while mellow colors are considered more appropriate for mature people. During the business session roll call was answered with a posture exercise. Mrs. J. J. Frost gave a report of the financial committee, and the February Council report was given by Mrs. Etta Randel. Those present at the meeting were Mesdames J. E. Calvert, Jr., Lucy Carter, G. F. Vaughn, J. E. Calvert, G. C. Vaughn, L. L. Lincoln, Oscar Vaughn, J. J. Frost, Etta Randel, Jack Phillips, and Misses Doris Leggett and Margie Ree Vaughn.

Rebekah Degree Team Practices To Keep Cup

Determined to maintain possession of their State trophy for degree work, the Rebekah's team practiced strenuously Friday night despite the absence of their captain, R. E. Gaston, who is ill. The practice was held in connection with the regular lodge meeting at which Mrs. G. Z. Riedel presided. Plans were made at the meeting for serving refreshments to guests of the Texas-Oklahoma Rebekah League to convene here next Friday evening at the lodge hall. Representatives are expected from Grandfield, Altus and Frederick, Okla., Electra, and Wichita Falls.

Social Calendar

Monday. Rehearsal for coming initiation ceremonies will be conducted at a regular meeting of the Eastern Star Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Masonic Temple. Mrs. Charlotte Still, worthy matron, urges all members to be present.

A week of prayer observance will be combined with the regular mission program Monday evening at 7:45 o'clock at a meeting of the Y. W. A. The organization will meet in the banquet room of the First Baptist Church.

Tuesday. The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Legion Hall, according to Mrs. J. O. Burk, president.

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Mrs. Robert Rummel Is Hostess to Ladies Aid

The February meeting of the Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robert Rummel. Mrs. C. G. Freeling presided in the absence of the pastor, Rev. H. F. Peiman. Mrs. W. H. Obenhaus was elected reporter for the organization. After the Bible study hour and business meeting were concluded, the group enjoyed games and contests, with Mrs. W. H. Obenhaus winning high score. A refreshment plate was served to Mesdames H. F. Peiman, F. H. Streit, A. Lehenbauer, Karl Schoppa, Emma Schulz, C. G. Freeling, W. H. Obenhaus, and the hostess, Mrs. Rummel.

Sixteen Attend Elliott Parent-Teacher Program

Sixteen members of the Elliott Parent-Teacher Association were present for a Founders' Day program Wednesday evening at the Elliott school. F. E. Hutchins reviewed the history of the Elliott unit, and Mrs. A. W. Goss also gave an interesting talk. The devotionals were conducted by Mrs. Ira Luttrell. During the business session at which Mrs. Luttrell presided the unit voted to give a prize to the room with the best P-T-A. attendance record for each month. The Association will also cooperate in a county-wide five-point health program and in the May Day festival.

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM GIVEN BY BOGER CLUB AT CENTRAL

Patriotic quotations were given as roll call response Friday at a meeting of the Boger Club at Central School. Mary Ruth Daniel, vice president, presided in the absence of Yvonne Harris and appointed a committee to select a motto for the club. The program was as follows: "Story of Washington," Billy Carol Yearly; declamations, Mary Catherine Dooley and Earl Bristo; book reports, Betty McDonald, Peggy Lou Gatewood, Billy Joe Budd, Hazel Martin, Nellie Fennel, La Nelle Garrett, and Billy Ruth McMahon; "Story of the Star Spangled Banner," Albert Dean Mason; song, "America" by the class; "The History of Mount Vernon," Guy Hargrove.

To Visit Windsor. Le Bourge, France, Feb. 20. (AP)—The Duke and Duchess of Kent arrived here today by plane from London. They were reported to have arranged to leave by train tonight for Vienna to visit the Duke of Windsor.

59 Entrants Are Judged in County Clothing Contest

Advice on Color Selection Given To Club Members

Fifty-nine 4-H Club girls in varicolored Spring wear dresses participated in a county wide clothing contest Saturday morning at the Yamparika Club House. Miss Mary Helen Moseley, home economics teacher of Vernon High School and Miss Margaret Foster, home economics teacher of Oklahoma High School, judged both demonstrators and co-operators' divisions in the contest, as well as kitchen aprons. Winners were listed by the judges as follows: Demonstrators—(14 years and older) Tharon Frost, Farmers Valley, first; Bobbie Jo Gauntt, Northside, second; and Louise Abston, Five-in-One, third; (10 to 13 years), Margie Ribble, South Lockett, first; Guinevere Dauley Odell, second; and Tommie Moore Tolbert, third. Co-operators—(14 years and older), Lucille Roberson, South Lockett, first; Joy Brock Farmers Valley, second; and Alma Lee Vaughn, Farmers Valley, first; (10 to 13 years), Dorothy Faye Blanchard Farmers Valley, first; Mattie Lee Shelton, Odell, second; and Ellen Cabe, Northside, third. Aprons—(14 years and older), Martha Ribble, South Lockett, first; Erlene Capps, Five-in-One, second; and Lucille Roberson, South Lockett, third; (10 to 13 years), Frances Percy South Lockett, first; Jerry Greer, South Lockett, second; and Tommie Lockett, Tolbert, third. Demonstrators were judged on the basis of their record books, complete reports, narratives of their work, pictures, cotton dresses and slips, aprons, smocks, accessories, and grooming, while co-operators were judged on appearance of their school dresses, their school accessories, and grooming. The simple kitchen aprons were judged on attractiveness, their laundering qualities, and their practicality. The demonstrations have been carried on since the beginning of the school year. In addition to the club girls, a number of mothers were also present. Sponsors assisting Miss Doris Leggett, County Home Demonstration Agent, in directing the contest included Miss Pauline Williams, and Mesdames C. H. Randel, H. H. Scherer, W. C. Doyle, C. H. Price, Troy Dobbs Edward Hunt, and Etta Randel.

Miss Barnhill Gives Party Friday Evening

Miss Janie Lee Barnhill was hostess at a party Friday evening at her home, 2828 Mesquite Street. Dancing, table and parlor games furnished entertainment during the evening. The refreshment plate emphasized the red, white and blue color scheme in observance of Washington's birthday, and pink favors were miniature hatchets in the patriotic colors. Guests included Miss Maurine Igou, Dub Frances, Miss Nell Sue Crow, Alfred Tidmore, Miss Cora Oliver, Miss Agnes Davis, R. C. Campbell, George Nelson, Belvin McGee, Kermit Davis, Miss Jacquelyn, Buddy Dotson, and the hostess.

CENTRAL ENGLISH CLASS PROGRAM ON WASHINGTON

Commemorating "the father of his country," whose birthday America celebrates Monday, members of the sixth grade English class at Central School had a program Friday on George Washington. Book reports and readings were given at the meeting by John True-love, Herschel Monkers, Dorothy Williamson, J. E. McNeely, Annie Cheatham, Hoyt Whatley, Frances Thrasher, and Roy Cheatham.

Electricity is Cheap-Speedy, too!

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BAPTIST'S HOME MISSION PROGRAM SET FOR MONDAY

"Home Mission Day" will be observed by the First Baptist W. M. S. Monday at an all-day meeting at the church. The program opens at 10:30 a. m., and its chief feature will be a book review of Una Roberts Lawrence's "Follow Me" by Mrs. J. J. Muirhead.

The morning program is entitled "Baptist Home Mission Work," and Mrs. H. H. Hargrove will serve as leader. Order of the program has been arranged as follows: Song, "Come We That Love the Lord"; prayer, by leader; devotionals, (1 Thessalonians 1: 8); "Sound Forth the Word," Mrs. W. N. Martin; talk, "The Living Christ for Mexicans," Mrs. D. O. Fulton; talk, "Home Missions Among the Choctaws," Mrs. Ray Goss; talk, "Southern Baptist Work Among Ozonzo Indians," Mrs. Cecil Lisenberg; prayer, Mrs. Jimmie Wren; vocal duet; and talk, "Elisha's Prayer—God Answered," Mrs. F. P. Coffey. Following the noon luncheon the program will be continued at 1 o'clock with Mrs. O. M. Barrett as leader. The afternoon program includes a hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story," the devotionals by Miss Grace Freeman; prayer by the leader; book review, "Follow Me," Mrs. J. J. Muirhead; song, "Footsteps of Jesus"; special music; talk, "Baptist Rescue Mission," Mrs. Roscoe Rainwater; prayer, Mrs. Roy Stonestifer; and talk, "For Chinese in the Delta," Mrs. L. A. Wilson.

PRESBYTERIAN CIRCLES' SCHEDULE IS ANNOUNCED

All circles of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Federated Presbyterian Church will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, two at the church and two in private homes. Circle 2 and 4 will meet at the church; Circle 1 with Mrs. J. D. Hagler, 2428 Houston Street; and Circle 3 at the home of Mrs. W. T. Elliott, 3103 Texas Street.

Circle Meets Monday.

Circle 2 of the Calvary Baptist W. M. S. will meet in the home of Mrs. M. F. Elkin, 1521 Paradise Street, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock according to an announcement made Saturday.

China's Minister of Education has ordered all schools to be equipped with radio before the end of 1937. Many Chinese schools are also installing motion picture equipment.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Mrs. E. P. Howard was admitted Friday to a Vernon hospital for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Lee announce the birth of a son Saturday morning in a Vernon hospital.

Mrs. Julian Wright is in Crowell to be with her mother, Mrs. Laura Giddings, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hellars of Vernon left Saturday for Amarillo where Mrs. Hellars will receive medical treatment.

Mrs. Jeffie Inabnit has returned to Vernon after spending more than two months in San Antonio, Dallas, Bowie and other points.

W. H. Van Huff left Friday for Greenville, where he will be at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. G. A. Horn, who is seriously ill.

Ernest Schur, a student at West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon, is spending the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Schur.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Caveness and daughter, Norma, of Hollis, Okla., are expected to arrive today for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones and other friends. They will return home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Howell and children, Landon Howell and daughters, Misses Wayne Nell and Cleo Howell, of Weatherford are week-end guests in the home of their son and brother, L. L. Howell.

METHODIST BIBLE CLASS TO CONTINUE STUDY IN PSALMS

Continuing their current study of "Heart Messages from the Psalms," members of the Bible study class of the First Methodist W. M. S. will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church. Mrs. W. L. Tittle will conduct the lesson based on Psalms 23 and 27, according to Mrs. M. G. Poteet, study superintendent.

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ARMAMENT COSTS REACH NEW HIGH.

Major Powers Spent Last Year Approximately Eleven Billions for New Equipment.

The Foreign Policy Association, a private group with headquarters in Washington organized for the study of international affairs, has completed an analysis of the budgets of the leading nations, and reports that expenditures for armament in 1936 reached a total of approximately 11 billion dollars.

Something of the accelerated rate at which armament expenditures have increased in recent years is shown in the totals for the past five years. In 1932 the world's armament bill was a mere \$3,815,000,000. A slight gain of approximately \$185,000,000 was shown for the succeeding year. In 1934, however, the competition in armament was given sharp impetus by the failure of the Locarno and other treaties and the total stepped up to \$5,064,000,000.

Continued threats of trouble provided stimulation for another high record for 1935 and a total of \$8,810,000,000 was attained. This was followed with last year's staggering total of \$10,730,000,000. An even greater total for 1937 is forecast.

Soviet Russia led in 1936 with only slightly less than three billions spent for armament. Germany was next with a little more than two and a half billions and the United States was third with slightly less than a billion.

Italy and Japan are spending more than half of their budgets for new armament, France 27 per cent, Russia 18, Great Britain 14, and the United States 10. It was impossible to compute the percentage for Germany because of inadequate information on non-military expenditures.

These figures indicate the world is headed for another war between major powers. The heavy drain on the earnings of the people will produce acute economic distress, a common cause of war. Statesmen seem incapable of stopping the madness.

SHIPPING TROUBLES INCREASE.

Government Agents Find Seamen Oppose Provisions of New Safety-at-Sea Legislation.

It appears that the Government is going to have more than the usual amount of trouble in enforcing the new Copeland Safety-at-Sea act. Maritime workers are using the courts to enjoin enforcement on the West Coast and refusal to use employment record books on the East Coast has resulted in a tie-up of numerous vessels.

The Sailors Union of the Pacific has taken the lead in the fight on the act, having issued instructions to members not to carry the books. Encouraged by concessions won in the recent strike, the Union is now pushing for a new test of its power. This time authority of the Federal Government is being flouted along with that of owners and operators.

Union members claim the records of discharges will result in blacklisting workers released for activities in disfavor with owners. As a result a large number of seamen are forced to stand by while a battle goes on for the protection of a supposedly small clique whose past activities make it difficult for them to obtain employment.

The Copeland Act has drawn criticism almost from its inception and the wisdom of this method of control is subject to question. Government representatives meanwhile, are attempting persuasion among workers to secure observance of the Act. A definite test appears imperative to settle the whole affair.

MOVE TO CHECK DRUNKEN DRIVING.

House Passes Bill To Simplify Enforcement and Requiring Jail Sentences.

The State House of Representatives, in unanimously passing the bill making a jail sentence mandatory for drunken drivers, has taken a definite step along the road toward solution of the problem presented by those irresponsible alcoholics who endanger the lives of themselves and others every time they take the wheel of an automobile.

The fear of being fined has little meaning. Juries have been unwilling to send to the penitentiary persons who are plainly guilty of drunken driving but who have not caused the death or serious injury of another. Innumerable barriers have been presented to the enforcement of laws attempting to curb this highly dangerous practice.

The bill passed by the House has eliminated some of these evils. The five-day minimum jail sentence should prove a strong deterrent to those who drink while or before driving. The provision making it necessary for officers to prove only that the accused was to some degree under the influence of intoxicating liquor should make convictions easier to obtain.

"U. S. Treasury executives now have their own restaurant." It is wondered if the tablecloths will be wide enough to accommodate all the ciphers.

"Niagara river case-dweller has Falls in his front yard." Still, certain Ohioans and Kentuckians have had the Ohio river in their dining room.

"I abhor strikes," says John Lewis. So, say his opponents, does a bowler.

Philadelphia is to have a "Temple of the Arts." The Temple of one art, we understand, is Shirley.

In New York hotel elevator operators are walking out. And hotel patrons vs.

ICKES GIVES COURT VIEWS

TEXAS LEGISLATORS HEAR INTERIOR SECRETARY AT JOINT MEETING

Austin, Feb. 20. (AP)—Members of the Legislature today pondered remarks of Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior and Public Works Administrator, defending President Roosevelt's Supreme Court expansion plan.

The Senate recently announced the President's proposal to expand the Supreme Court. Representatives refused either to condemn or commend.

Ickes Friday night, addressing a joint session, told the lawmakers no democracy could survive if governmental action was blocked by a court which he said ought to be brought "within speaking distance of modern times."

He said the plan was the only method which could make the President's policies effective within his tenure. Touching on checks and balances, he said that while Congress and the President checked each other and the people checked both, "there is no check on the Supreme Court."

Ickes declared the National Government "never wanted to run the oil business" but desired to cooperate with the States in conservation and marketing.

He commended the Texas Railroad Commission and Legislature on "sound" oil and natural gas administration and expressed the opinion oil prices would rise.

The Interior Secretary had spent the day inspecting the Buchanan, Inks and Marshall Ford dams constructed with the aid of PWA money and designed to harness destructive flood waters of the Colorado River.

After the night session, the House adjourned until Monday and the Senate until Tuesday.

MORTALITY RATE FOR MOVIE ROMANCES HIGH

Hollywood, Feb. 20. (AP)—Romances in Hollywood, are, as a rule, about as durable as a snowball on a hot sidewalk.

The average affair of the heart in the film colony lasts four months and 15 days, an analysis showed today.

This figure requires considerable qualifying since romances, especially the Hollywood variety, do not lend themselves very well to graphs and statistics.

For the survey, 100 romances involving motion picture folks which were recorded in the press were selected. The mortality rate was terrific.

But 12 out of the hundred led to the altar.

Seventy-six began in the studio. Forty-six developed when boy and girl were cast in the same picture.

The reason for the deaths of the romances was not unique. They simply gave way to new affairs.

The parties remained, ostensibly, good friends after it was all over in 92 cases.

ETHYL FIRM DEFENDANT IN GOVERNMENT SUIT

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—The Government filed an injunction suit against the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation Friday alleging the firm and two of its officials had attempted to fix gasoline prices in violation of the Federal antitrust laws.

The injunction request, filed in Federal District Court at New York City (Southern District), was to stop the Ethyl Corporation's present system of licensing gasoline jobbers.

Acting Attorney General Stanley Reed made the request.

His petition contended the gasoline companies, Ethyl, C. Webb, president, and J. Conrad Taylor, vice-president in charge of sales, were guilty of "a misuse of patents to bring about stabilization of retail gasoline prices throughout the United States."

CATHOLIC REBELLION GIVEN ATTENTION OF CARDENAS

Mexico City, Feb. 20. (AP)—President Lázaro Cárdenas undertook today a personal study of last week's "peaceful rebellion" of Catholics in Vera Cruz State which forced the reopening of Government-closed churches.

The President yesterday heard outlines of the situation by Miguel Alemán, Governor of Vera Cruz, and General Heriberto Jara, military commander of the State.

While Alemán and Jara declined comment, presidential palace quarters predicted the settlement would be embodied in legal reopening orders.

These sources suggested the orders would be conditioned by Vera Cruz State legislation drastically limiting the number of officiating priests.

FORMER NEW MEXICO OFFICIAL TAKEN BY DEATH

Hart Springs, N. M., Feb. 20. (AP)—Byron O. Beall, 52, former State Tax Commissioner and for 30 years prominent in New Mexico public life, died here Friday following a stroke of paralysis.

Born in Sweetwater in Sept. 14, 1884, the son of a sheriff, he came to the Sunshine State in 1902, settling at Roswell. He was former Speaker of the House of Representatives.

A daughter in Albuquerque and a son at El Rio survive.

WEDDING DATE FOR "WALLY" AND DUKE SET MAY 22

New York, Feb. 20. (AP)—Frances Clyde, New York fashion expert, said Friday ex-King Edward VIII, now the Duke of Windsor, will marry Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson in Vienna next May 22—ten days after the coronation of King George VI.

Cotton Spinning In January Sets All-Time Record

WASHINGTON, FEB. 20. (AP)—The cotton spinning industry set a new all-time record for activity during January.

The Census Bureau reported the industry operated at 157.7 per cent of "capacity"—100 per cent being figured on an arbitrary operating schedule.

The previous record was 134.5 per cent of capacity in December, 1936. A record also was set in November when mills were at 129.9 of capacity.

A 128.9 per cent record had stood up since June 1935.

Spinning spindles in place Jan. 31 in cotton-growing states totaled 18,950,790 of which 17,622,922 were active at some time during the month, compared with 19,019,960 and 17,549,264 for December last, and 19,232,824 and 17,209,878 for January last.

ITALIANS WRECK THEATER IN OUTBREAK IN CHINA

Shanghai, Feb. 20. (AP)—About 200 men, identified by authorities as Italian civilians and sailors from an Italian man-of-war at anchor here, stormed a motion picture theater today and routed the audience with gunfire, ammonia bombs and clubs.

They slugged two Russian film projection operators showing a Russian-made picture dealing with the Italian conquest of Ethiopia and seized the film. One suffered a broken arm, the other a gash on the head.

Before Chinese police, British settlement authorities, Japanese Marines and Italian officials arrived at the Isis Theater, on the border of the international settlement, the mob had wrecked the interior of the place and fled.

When the film first was shown a month ago there were Italian diplomatic protests. Chinese authorities forced its withdrawal and sharp censorship to satisfy Italian demands.

A few days ago the theater announced the film would be shown "under special Government permission."

MARRIAGE OF FINANCIER IN FLORIDA ANNOUNCED

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 20. (AP)—Owen D. Young, chairman of the board of the General Electric Company, and Mrs. Louise Clark of New York, are to be married here today.

The ceremony is to take place at the Winter home of Mrs. Clark's mother, Mrs. Walter Van Rensselaer Powell.

The bridegroom was chairman of the second Reparations Commission in 1929.

His first wife, the former Josephine Sheldon Edwards, of Southbridge, Mass., died June 25, 1935.

Friends described Mrs. Clark as an old friend of the Young family and said she was an attractive young woman with a four-year-old son.

Young, 63, long has been recognized as one of the Nation's leading industrialists and financiers but he consistently eschewed politics.

He was mentioned as a possible Democratic presidential candidate in 1932. He declined.

M'ADOO'S DAUGHTER GOES HOME TO SEEK DIVORCE

Los Angeles, Feb. 20. (AP)—Ellen McAdoo De Onate was living today at the home of her father, United States Senator William Gibbs McAdoo, after having suddenly filed suit for divorce from the debonair film actor she married in 1934.

They separated Thursday and the brief divorce complaint charging non-support and asking custody of their son, Richard, 1-1/2 years old, was filed.

"I cannot understand it," said Rafael De Onate, known to the screen as Ralph Navarro, who married the granddaughter of the late President Wilson when he was 33 and she 19.

But Mrs. De Onate explained: "Things simply came to the point where my son and I were not getting proper financial support, and I thought it best to take this way out of the situation. I held no ill feeling against Rafael, in fact I wish him the best of luck."

VIOLENCE MARKS NEW OUTBREAKS IN SULU ISLE

Manila, Feb. 20. (AP)—The eternal triangle, religion and robbery have led to 13 violent deaths in three scattered sections of always turbulent Moroland. Seven others were wounded.

Advices reaching here today from the island of Jolo, principal island inhabited by Sulu tribesmen, told of a vengeance hunt against a party slew an unfaithful fleeing wife, her lover and one of his followers on the island of Tawitawi. Two were reported wounded in the melee.

At Lanan, Pailjan Island, a Moro chieftain came to his death, and three persons were wounded in a battle over religion.

Children and elders alike were slaughtered by two Moro bandits at Catabato on Bongo Island.

SCHOONER CAPTAIN HELD IN MARROQUIN SLAYINGS

Hartlingen, Feb. 20. (AP)—Paul Zamora, of Hartsville, 23-year-old captain of a fishing schooner, was under indictment today for the slaying Jan. 22 of Ovidio and Tomas Marroquin.

Bodies of the Marroquin brothers were found in the Laguna Madre area north of here.

Zamora told officers he last saw the brothers wading toward shore after quelling a fight aboard his schooner. Officers quoted three members of Zamora's staff as saying they were killed in a fight on the skiff.

The Canal Zone is a strip of land extending five miles on each side of the Panama Canal. It is a U. S. Government reservation.

PUZZLERS GO INTO ACTION

"FIFTH DIMENSION" ITEM OFFERED BY EXPERT AS CONVENTION OPENS

New York, Feb. 20. (AP)—Cerebral gymnasts went into brain-bruising action today as delegates to the one hundred and seventh semi-annual convention of the National Puzzlers' League, 200 strong, began a three-day session of baffling each other.

They snuffed at such child's play as crossword puzzles or the homely riddles that ask "What is it?" in rhymes.

"Nursery stuff," they said, and furrowed their brows over numerical problems reaching into the fifth dimension—a mere matter of one plane higher than Einstein's theory of relativity.

There was Cipriano Ferraris, for example, who tossed off this trifling riddle to inquiring reporters: "Find the square of five certain numbers, minus the square of five prime numbers, multiply by the total of five certain composite numbers, and at last divide by a certain perfect number so as to get 107 as the answer."

That was the easiest Ferraris could think up, and he said it would hurt his reputation if it got into the newspapers that he even remembered "little parlor games" like that.

Ferraris said he could hardly wait to show his new octahedral puzzle to the puzzlers. It was 44 inches long by 44 inches wide, and he said it would make almost all the puzzlers dizzy.

This was the "fifth dimension" item, which he said didn't make Einstein exactly look silly but certainly "has something" a little beyond Einstein.

He said he could reach the sixth dimension if he had a big enough sheet of paper, but most of the reporters had fled by that time.

MUSIC AND FUN SHOW IS PLANNED AT CHILLICOTHE

Chillicothe, Feb. 20. (AP)—Forty musicians and comedians from Chillicothe and the surrounding territory will take part Tuesday night in Chillicothe's first Music and Fun Show beginning at 7:45 o'clock at the high school auditorium.

Admission charges will be five and ten cents, and the proceeds will be used to defray the expense of sending debating teams to the Amarillo and Wichita Falls debating tournaments. Dan Cooper Wilson, president of the debating club, is chairman of the ticket sales committee.

Included among those taking part on the program will be Mary Carol Touchstone, Emily Ledbetter, Bobby White, Billy White, a number of third-grade pupils, Mrs. Jack McMichael, the Odell musicians, Minnie Ruth Hannon, Grady Davis, Austin Chandler, Mildred Collins, Bill Ramsey and the Brock quartet.

Climaxing the program will be a short humorous play featuring high school players under the direction of Mineola Davis.

CROWELL TO NAME MAYOR AND THREE ALDERMEN

Crowell, Feb. 20. (AP)—Three Boy Scouts of Crowell, Charlie Clark, Joe Spencer and J. M. Hill, Jr., have made reservations to attend the National Scout Jamboree in Washington, D. C., in June. Before going to Washington, they will attend a three-day training camp in Wichita Falls.

Oil Profits Reported.

New York, Feb. 20. (AP)—Sunray Oil Corporation, with producing and refining properties in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, has reported 1936 net profit of \$559,429, a record since 1929, compared to \$333,836 in 1935. After preferred dividends there was a balance equal to 27 cents a share on 1,210,919 shares of common stock, against 20 cents a share on 1,858,878 shares in the preceding year.

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CIVIL LIBERTIES STUDY MAY BE EXPANDED SOON

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—The La Follette civil liberties committee, strengthened by a new \$40,000 appropriation, decided today to push its investigation into new fields—among them the Black Legion and kindred vigilante groups.

Its three weeks' study of General Motors for reaching labor espionage system virtually was completed by the testimony of an auto worker, Arthur Dubuc, former Pinkerton under cover operative.

Dubuc told the committee that Lawrence Pugmire, assistant superintendent in the detective agency's Detroit office, had paid him \$62.50 on Feb. 4, shortly after Dubuc was summoned as a Senate witness.

"He wanted me to perjure myself here," he said.

Chairman La Follette, Progressive Wisconsin, adjourned hearings until Monday.

CONTRACT FOR REVETMENT AT PORT ARTHUR AWARDED

Port Arthur, Feb. 20. (AP)—The Federal Government has awarded the contract for the construction of a permanent revetment along the shore of Lake Sabine, fronting Port Arthur, to Jay De Puy, of San Antonio, on his bid of \$422,250.00.

The area behind the revetment will be filled in, thus reclaiming several hundred acres of partly submerged land to be used by the city for scenic, recreational and commercial purposes.

Under terms of the contract, work must start within 45 days and be completed within 720 days.

Government engineering expenses in the job have been estimated at \$60,000, bringing the cost to approximately \$480,000. Secretary of War Woodring has allotted \$500,000 for the project.

INCREASED PRODUCTION OF SULPHUR REPORTED

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—The Bureau of Mines reported today production of sulphur in the United States amounted to 2,015,231 tons in 1936, a gain of 23 per cent over the 1,632,300 tons produced in 1935. The value of shipments showed an increase of \$3,100,000.

Texas increased its production 37 per cent in 1936 with an output of 1,723,292 tons as compared with 1,253,814 tons in 1935. Louisiana's output decreased from 473,283 tons in 1935 to 288,699 tons in 1936.

CROWELL SCOUTS WILL MAKE TRIP TO CAPITAL

Crowell, Feb. 20. (AP)—A major and three aldermen are to be chosen in the city election here April 13. The terms of Mayor C. T. Schlager and Aldermen George E. Allison, M. S. Henry and J. C. Self expire this year. Other members of the city council are G. T. Lanier and A. L. Johnson.

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Investigating the murder of BOLITHO BLANE, British financier, aboard CARLTON ROCKSAY-AGE'S yacht, Detective Officer KETTERING runs into a maze of conflicting clues.

As the investigation progresses he charts the possible motives for each of the ship's passengers; MRS. REGINALD JOCELYN, none so far as known; COUNT POSODINI, grudge motive against Blane; ROCKSAYAGE, strong motive of financial gain; BISHOP OF BUDE, strong motive since Blane knew of his unsavory past.

LADY WELTER, strong motive of financial gain; INOSUKE HAYASHI, strong motive of financial gain; REGINALD JOCELYN, strong motive of financial gain; MISS ROCKSAYAGE, none, apparently. Only the ship's crew and NICHOLAS STODART, Blane's secretary, are conclusively ruled out on sound alibi. Stodart was in the ship's lounge all during the period in which Blane obviously was murdered.

As Kettering rounds out his deductions, Rocksavage appears with his physician, offering proof of his presence in his cabin when the crime was committed. The lounge steward corroborated this testimony.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER XXII
DETECTIVE OFFICER KETTERING'S FIFTH REPORT, CONTINUED.

I then examined the contents of the wastepaper baskets, which had been removed from each of the parties' cabins on the morning following the crime, and three items of interest emerged from this examination.

In the refuse from Count Posodini's cabin I found 31 cigarette ends, 25 of these are Chesterfield, but the other 6 are an English brand called Players, and four out of these six have obvious traces of lipstick on them.

In the refuse from Miss Rocksavage's cabin I found a twist of hair which had obviously been removed from a comb. Most of this was golden hair, which undoubtedly comes from the head of Miss Ferri Rocksavage, but mingled with it there are a few short, black curly hairs, which definitely suggest that a man had used that comb after her.

Among the refuse from the Bishop of Bude's cabin I found one match torn out of a booklet of matches, upon which is printed in block let-

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- 1A Soviet exile
- 10 To regret.
- 11 Italian cathedral.
- 12 Made bare.
- 14 Three.
- 16 Bone.
- 17 One that digests.
- 20 To permit.
- 22 Tips.
- 23 Paragraph.
- 25 Related.
- 29 He was once — in his native land.
- 32 Opposed to specific.
- 34 Paradise.
- 35 Candle.
- 37 Challenge.
- 38 Force.
- 39 Argues.
- 41 Was victorious.
- 42 Within.
- 43 It is.
- 44 Stream obstruction.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

CECIL
AROMA
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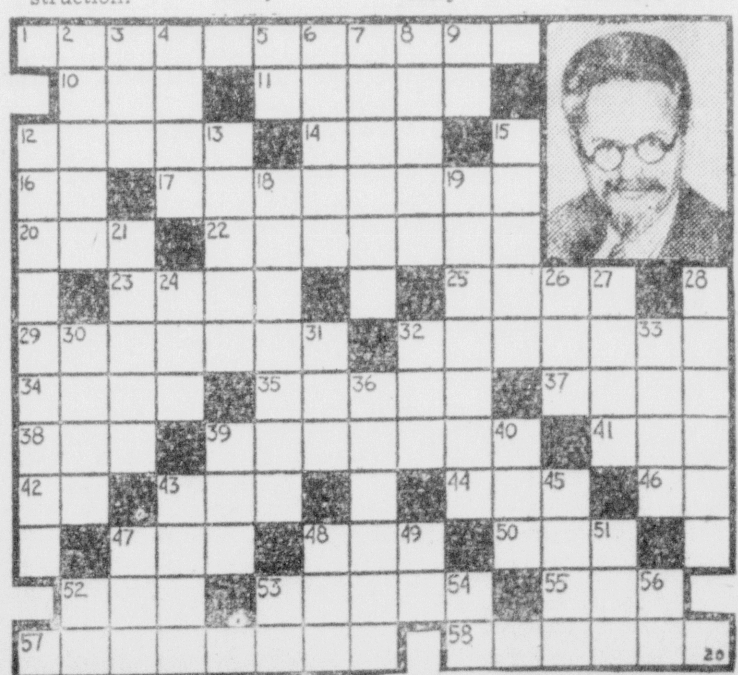
46 Northeast.
47 Uncle.
48 Sailor.
49 Cavity.
50 Sun.
51 Coal digger.
52 Lock projection.
53 He is a — from Europe (pl.).
54 He arrived recently in —.

VERTICAL

- 2 To rub out.
- 3 Plural pronoun.
- 4 Requirement.
- 5 Road.
- 6 Exterior.
- 7 Piece of stone.
- 8 To strike.
- 9 Measure.
- 12 He was in power in the early —.

party.

- 13 Derby.
- 15 Malicious burning.
- 18 Sexual cells.
- 19 Came in.
- 21 Prongs.
- 24 2000 pounds.
- 26 Guided.
- 27 To sketch.
- 28 Parts of dramas.
- 30 Woden (god).
- 31 Flatfish.
- 32 To obtain.
- 33 To press.
- 36 Heathens.
- 39 Not bright.
- 40 To undermine.
- 43 Balsam.
- 45 Part girl.
- 47 Money.
- 48 To bind.
- 49 Musical note.
- 51 Fish.
- 52 Southeast.
- 53 Myself.
- 54 Ream.
- 56 Before Christ



with Ferri, eh? I guessed as much.

P. J.: I did not say so.

K.: Wait a minute, though. I'm going to put you wise to something which may make you think differently before you burn your boats. The bird you know as Count Posodini is actually "Slick" Daniels; con man and card sharp. Here's his police record. Take a look. Now, what about it when the press get hold of that? Can't you see the headlines in the news sheets? "Society dame becomes moll of well known crook." That's not going to be so funny for you, is it? You'll sure be ruined socially and that's a high price to pay just to get your own back on your husband.

P. J.: Yes—yes, it would be horrible.

K.: Oh, Lordy! Let me put it to you another way, then. Mr. Rocksavage and the ship's doctor both saw your husband still unchanged in the passage at 8:10. So your bluff about his being in his bath at 7:45 is now quite useless. Get that?

P. J.: Yes.

K.: On the other hand there is very strong presumptive evidence that Posodini did in Blane. As "Slick" is a known criminal that makes the presumption doubly strong. Now, you seem a decent sort of girl. Just because a man has a criminal record behind him you're surely not going to see him sent to the chair for a murder he didn't do, if you can stop it, are you?

P. J.: I see. Yes, that does make a big difference, doesn't it? All right, then, I was in the Count's cabin. When we came below at a quarter to eight I went in to borrow a book and I sat there talking to him for the best part of half an hour.

K.: Then, why the heck didn't you say so to begin with?

P. J.: Isn't that obvious?

K.: Yes, because your husband told you not to. Did he know where you'd been?

P. J.: I intended that he should. I suppose I might as well tell you everything now. My husband and I haven't been getting on very well lately and this trip has brought matters to a head. I don't worry much about his having an occasional affair, because he's the type of man who's never quite grown up, and it seems that sort of thing is absolutely necessary to him. You see I try to persuade myself that he never really goes off the rails, but this business with Ferri Rocksavage has been a bit too much.

I jib at being made a fool of in public and, of course, he considers that I'm as safe as houses, because I'm very fond of him and I've never looked at another man. I thought that it might bring him to his senses if I did, so when he and Ferri started throwing eyes at each other on the first day out from New York I decided to start a party of my own with the Count.

I knew quite well that I could take care of myself and I thought that, if I spent half an hour alone with the Count in his cabin, before changing that night, Reggie would be certain to ask why I was late. As it was I had all my trouble for nothing. He was so occupied himself that he never even thought to ask where I had been.

K.: I understand.
P. J.: I wouldn't have told you this unless you'd had proof already that he didn't come down till ten past eight, but now, as there's no object in keeping up my original story, at least I can get the Count out of trouble. I'm glad to do that because, whether he's a jailbird or not, he's a very amusing and kind-hearted person.

K.: Thank you, Mrs. Jocelyn. I really am grateful to you for having cleared this matter up.

(To Be Continued)

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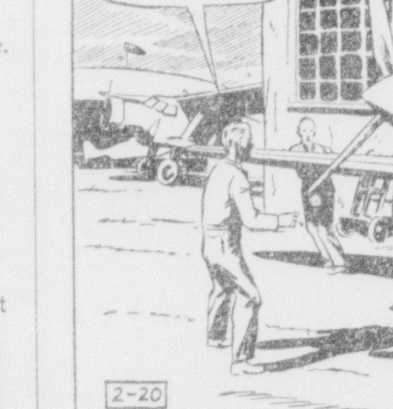
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THAT SHOTGUN WAS MADE A FORTUNE. A OUND HERE—HE WON IT OFF SOMEBODY, AN' THEY WON IT AN' SO ON—NO—THEY'VE MADE NO MISTAKE! IT'S A HOLDUP!

YES, AND THIS IS THE FIRST CHANCE I'VE EVER HAD TO BREAK A BIG CASE, AND YOU HAD TO ROB ME OF THE GLORY!

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ALLEY OOP

"MON, MEN—WE GOT 'EM ON THE RUN! WE'LL SOON HAVE 'EM DOWN!"

DANG! TH' LUCK! IF THEM GUARDS HADN'T SHOWN UP WHEN THEY DID, I'D HAVE FIXED 'EM FOR GOOD AN' ALL! NOW I GOTTA GIT BACK TONNY, AND SCRAM—

WELL, WHAT TH— "???"

WHERE'S DINNY? I'D SWEAR THIS IS WHERE I LEFT 'IM! BLAST THEIR HIDES! I TOLD 'EM NOT TO GO 'WAY FROM HERE!

BY GOLLY, THIS AINT SO FUNNY! IF THAT GANG OF THUGS EVER KETCH UP WITH ME—WHOOIE!

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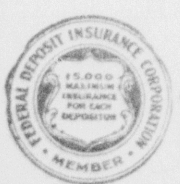
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LIONS REACH SEMI-FINALS

SPANISH FORT BEATEN BY 45-36 SCORE IN GAME WITH VERNON TEAM

The Vernon Lions, Bomarton, Wichita Falls and Fairview will go into the semi-finals this morning of the District 9 basketball tournament at Wichita Falls as a result of first and second round victories yesterday.

At 9:30 o'clock the Lions, victoriously yesterday over Spanish Fort by a score of 45 to 36, will meet Bomarton, winner over Jackboro by a score of 39 to 14, in the Wichita Falls High School gymnasium. Wichita Falls and Fairview will meet in the other semi-finals contest at 10:40. Finals will be played tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Jackboro and Henrietta opened the tournament yesterday afternoon with Jackboro winning, 17-12. Jackboro led, 10 to 1, at the half.

In the second game, the Wilbarger County champions, the Odell Cowboys, went down before the Olney Cubs, Young County champs, by a score of 31 to 16. The Olney quintet opened up with a rush which swept the Wilbarger entry off its collective feet and retained the lead through the remainder of the game, Wilson of Olney took high scoring honors with 11 points. He was followed by Mayo with nine.

The Vernon Lions took a long lead in the first quarter of their game with Spanish Fort, Montague County champions, and stayed in front until the final whistle. The score was 45 to 36. Mark Belew, Lion forward, and J. C. Johnson, center, of Spanish Fort, ran up totals of 19 and 18 points, respectively. Homer Matney scored 14 points for the Lions to take third in scoring.

In the first game in the evening session, Holliday lost a close game

CROWELL WINS AT CHILDRESS

LAKEVIEW BEATS QUANAH INDIANS IN DISTRICT 4 TOURNEY UPSET

In the final game of the evening, Wichita Falls defeated Olney by a score of 28 to 19. The score was 11 to 11 at the half but the Coyotes pulled out in front in the last half despite the excellent work of Hankins, Killian and Vaughn for the Cubs.

Box scores:

Vernon-Spanish Fort.

Vernon, f. 8 3 19

Belew, f. 0 0 0

Matney, f. 6 2 14

Cox, f. 3 1 7

Smith, f. 1 1 3

Johnson, g. 0 0 0

Childress, g. 1 0 2

Totals 19 7 45

Spanish Fort—

W. Johnson, f. 4 0 8

Cain, f. 0 1 1

Rich, f. 0 0 0

J. C. Johnson, c. 9 0 18

B. Johnson, g. 2 0 4

Hill, g. 2 1 5

Totals 17 2 36

Score by quarters:

Vernon 16 5 14 10-45

Spanish Fort 8 9 10-36

Olney-Odell.

Hankins, f. 2 0 4

Wilson, f. 5 1 11

Killian, c. 4 1 9

Vaughn, g. 0 0 0

Patrik, g. 2 1 5

Oliver, f. 1 0 2

Coleman, g. 0 0 0

Woods, g. 0 0 0

Penny, g. 0 0 0

Bodkins, g. 0 0 0

Totals 14 3 31

Odell—

Mayo, f. 4 1 9

G. Dale, f. 1 0 2

D. Dale, c. 2 0 4

Corzine, g. 0 1 1

Pollard, g. 0 0 0

Cardwell, g. 0 0 0

Clark, g. 0 0 0

Totals 7 2 16

Steele Whips Eddie Risko

New York, Feb. 19.—Freddie Steele retained his middleweight title Friday night by knocking out a 15-round victory over Eddie (Eddie) Risko, the former champion, in Madison Square Garden. The verdict, which was unanimous on the part of the two judges and referee Arthur Donovan, was Steele's third over Risko from whom he won the title last July.

BASKETBALL SCORES

Friday Night.

Nebraska 50; Missouri 21.

Oklahoma Baptist U. 36; Phillips 29.

Alabama 62; Mississippi State 29.

Louisiana State 57; Tulane 31.

Louisiana Tech 49; Loyola 26.

Arkansas 52; Rice 29.

Hardin-Simmons 24; West Texas State 12.

Texas A. & L. 62; St. Mary's 52.

Arizona U. 42; Texas Mines 21.

Texas Tech 46; Arizona State 35.

Southwestern 24; Trinity 29.

John Tarleton 50; Weatherford 29.

MEXICO'S AGRARIAN PLAN

AT "MAKE OR BREAK" STAGE

Mexico City, Feb. 20. (AP)—The Mexican Government's agrarian program faced a "make or break" test today as newly created communal farm groups finished sowing crops in the rich Laguna district of Coahuila and Durango States.

Informed quarters expressed belief that continuance of the policy appropriating farm lands and giving them to cooperatives for cultivation depended upon Laguna's production this year—whether it measures up to levels of previous years under private control.

Last October President Lazaro Cardenas distributed thousands of acres of rich farmlands to landless peasants. Since then the National Farm Bank has invested \$3,500,000 financing 270 communal groups of a total membership of 30,503.

Up to today 250,000 acres of the Laguna area have been planted with cotton, Laguna—"the Cotton Bowl of Mexico"—last year was credited with half of Mexico's total production of 250,000 bales. Twenty-three thousand acres have been planted with wheat and 5,000 with alfalfa.

SECURITIES BOARD ASKS

ALL CHECKS OF COMPANY

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—The Securities Commission has demanded from W. E. Hutton and Company all checks issued by its Detroit office between Jan. 1, 1935, and Aug. 1, 1936, to customers holding Alia Tack Corporation stock.

Commission Counsel Jacob Gruber made the demand after George F. Weid, chief bookkeeper and cashier of the Detroit branch, had presented all checks relating directly to transactions in the Alia stock.

David W. Peck, directing the brokerage concern's defense against Commission charges of manipulating the Tack stock, protested loudly.

"Why, it's ridiculous," he shouted. "It amounts to a complete audit of the books of W. E. Hutton and Company."

GAIN IN LIVESTOCK VALUE

IN TEXAS REPORTED

Austin, Feb. 20. (AP)—The Department of Agriculture has reported value of Texas livestock as of Jan. 1 was \$365,867,000, an increase of 7.7 per cent over a year ago.

The increase in value of cattle, sheep and goats alone was \$28,550,000.

Cattle 7,547,000 head, increased 686,000, or 10 per cent. Milk cows increased 1 per cent to 1,402,000.

Sheep totaled 8,920,000, up 21 per cent, and goats increased 12 per cent to 3,024,000. Hogs were up 14 per cent to 1,658,000.

Iron and steel mills in Mexico are swamped with orders.

Childress, Feb. 20.—The district 4 basketball tournament here goes into the quarter-final round Saturday morning with Childress meeting Quail, Lakeview and Silvertown tangle, Carey playing Thalia and Crowell meeting Quataque.

In games Friday Lakeview sprang an upset by defeating Quanah, 19 to 16; Crowell downed the Paducah Dragons by a score of 39 to 28; Quail trounced Dumbert by the lopsided score of 39 to 7; and Childress defeated the Wellington Sky-rockets by a score of 39 to 14.

Semi-final games will be played Saturday afternoon and the finals Saturday night.

Box scores:

Crowell-Paducah.

Crowell—

Middlebrook, f. 2 1 5

Kelsey, f. 6 2 14

Fitzgerald, c. 1 0 2

Orr, c. 5 0 19

Owens, g. 0 0 0

McClain, f. 0 0 0

Nelson, g. 0 0 0

Smith, g. 0 0 0

Totals 18 3 39

Paducah—

Irons, f. 4 2 10

Mitchell, f. 1 0 2

Blythe, f. 0 0 0

Isbell, f. 3 1 7

Markham, c. 3 1 7

Dameron, g. 0 2 2

Nichols, g. 0 0 0

Totals 11 6 28

Lakeview-Quanah.

Lakeview—

Haley, f. 2 10

Wiley, f. 1 0 2

Cunningham, f. 0 0 0

Bradley, g. 0 1 1

Brister, g. 3 0 6

Hughes, g. 0 0 0

Totals 8 3 19

Quanah—

Birge, f. 0 0 0

Epps, f. 0 0 0

E. Page, f. 0 0 0

Weatherford, f. 1 0 2

W. Page, g. 3 0 3

Edmondson, g. 3 1 7

Anderson, g. 0 1 1

Totals 7 2 16

BRADDOCK'S MANAGER

PREPARES FOR MATCH

Chicago, Feb. 20. (AP)—Little Joe Gould, manager of heavyweight champion James J. Braddock, drove some new verbal punches at Madison Square Garden today and then went humming about the business of getting ready for champion Jim's title bout here next June with challenger Joe Louis.

Braddock and the Brown Bomber signed yesterday to go 15 rounds the night of June 22 at Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox. Braddock agreed to take a \$500,000 guarantee or 50 per cent of the gate receipts and Louis 17 1/2 per cent.

At the moment, nothing was mentioned about the legal action threatened by Madison Square Garden Corporation, which holds a contract calling for Braddock to meet Max Schmeling June 3 in New York. But Gould, preparing to look into offers for training quarters and consider other details in connection with the bout, was in top form today.

"What kind of an injunction they going to get on what?" he shrilled when he told the Garden hinted it would go after an order to block the Chicago contest. "Here's an angle. If the Garden isn't just looking for publicity and are serious about this why didn't they have an attorney?"

"We're ready to go through with the Schmeling fight June 3. Sure we are. This bout with Louis is 19 days after June 3. So what?"

RAZORBACKS REMAIN IN

CONFERENCE CAGE RACE

(By the Associated Press.)

The towering Razorbacks of the University of Arkansas remained in the running today for the Southwest Conference basketball championship after a 52 to 29 victory over the Rice Owls last night.

The Porkers, last year's champions, had only an outside chance, however, to overtake the high-flying Southern Methodist Mustangs.

Arkansas and Rice play again tonight. A Razorback victory would erase the Owls from title consideration and a Rice win would leave the Razorbacks only a bare mathematical chance.

The Mustangs needed to win only two of their remaining four games to clinch at least a tie for first place. They will seek to accomplish half their assignment when they meet the University of Texas Longhorns at Austin tonight.

Baylor's Bears meet the Texas Christian horned frogs at Fort Worth in tonight's other conference tilt.

Dizzy Affair.

Millersburg, Ohio, Feb. 20. (AP)—The scores became a little dizzy and had to take time out because of the basketball, milling of the Millers in a county tournament.

Eight youths named Miller played for Berlin High. Two Millers started the game. On two occasions three Millers entered as substitutes, bewildering even the Millersburg fans.

Bacon and Yeags.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 20. (AP)—Answering a knock at her kitchen door, Mrs. John Porta was confronted by a roughly dressed stranger displaying a gun. Brusquely he demanded breakfast, specifying ham and eggs and admonishing: "Fry them eggs in butter and don't dare turn 'em over." Mrs. Porta had no ham but the stranger compromised on bacon, at the meal with gusto, praised her cooking and departed.

Church Announcements

St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

East Wilbarger Street

J. A. BIRNBAUM, Pastor

First morning service at 9:15.

Sermon by the pastor.

Sunday School at 10:15. Sunday

School lecture by the pastor for the

adults at the same hour. Walter

Buss, Superintendent.

Second morning service at 11

o'clock. Sermon by the pastor.

Lenten Services.

Special Lenten Services are now

being held on Friday evenings at 8

o'clock.

Sermon theme for next Friday,

Feb. 26, "Nicodemus Meets Christ."

Come in the spirit of reverence,

prayer and expectancy. Great

blessings await you.

First Baptist Church

Lockett, Texas

DR. C. V. EDWARDS, Pastor

Sermon Sunday:

10 a. m. Sunday School, Frank S.

Lockett, Superintendent.

11 a. m. The Pastor will speak on

"The Church by Satan's Seat."

2 p. m. Religious census committee

meets at church.

6:30 p. m. R. T. U. meets, Har-

vey Lawlis, director.

7:30 p. m. "What Should We Ex-

pect of a Youth Today?" will be

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

by **WILLIAM KERGUSON**

The MONGOOSE

GROUP IS COMMON TO AFRICA AND INDIA, WHERE IT SERVES MAN WELL IN SOME RESPECTS, BUT IS VERY DESTRUCTIVE IN OTHERS! THE ANIMALS ARE NOT LARGE, BEING ABOUT THREE FEET IN LENGTH... INCLUDING THE LONG, BUSHY TAIL.

THE MONGOOSE IS FAMOUS FOR HIS SPECIALTY ACT... THAT OF KILLING COBRAS! SELDOM DOES A COBRA EMERGE VICTORIOUS.

THE FEARLESS LITTLE MONGOOSE CIRCLES THE COBRA, FOR A STRATEGIC POSITION... THEN, FLASH... AND HE PINS THE REPTILE BY THE BACK OF ITS HEAD! THE BATTLE IS OVER.

MONGOOSES MAKE EXCELLENT PETS, BEING BOTH AMUSING AND USEFUL! AS A RAT EXTERMINATOR, THE ANIMAL HAS NO EQUAL.

HOWEVER, HENROOSTS OFFER A TEMPTATION WHICH THE DOMESTIC MONGOOSE CANNOT RESIST!

IN EGYPT, IT DESTROYS THOUSANDS OF CROCODILES ANNUALLY, BY ITS ABILITY TO SEEK OUT THEIR BURIED EGGS, AND DEVOUR THEM. 2-21

WHAT THEY LACK IN SIZE, MONGOOSES MAKE UP IN COURAGE.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By Blosser

THIS IS A HECK OF A TIME TO COLLECT BUGS AN' INSECTS TO TAKE TO SCHOOL!

THERE GOES SOMETHING FLYING OVER THERE, OSSIE! GET IT!!

WHAT KIND OF A BUG IS IT, OSSIE?

SEARCH ME! I AIN'T FUSSY, THO! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TAKE A BUG TO SCHOOL... IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT KIND!

I GOT MY BUG IN THIS GLASS, AN' I HAVE THE TOP COVERED WITH GAUZE SO IT CAN BREATHE WITHOUT GETTING LOOSE!

ROBIN FARNHAM BROUGHT THIS SPECIMEN... IT'S THE COMMON VARIETY OF HOUSE SPIDER!

WE SEEM TO HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF SPIDERS AND FLIES! HAS ANYONE BROUGHT ANY DIFFERENT SPECIMENS?

I HAVE, MISS TODD!!

IT HAS WINGS, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS!

IT'S A SPECIMEN WHICH RATHER PUZZLES ME! I'VE SEEN PICTURES OF IT, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS!

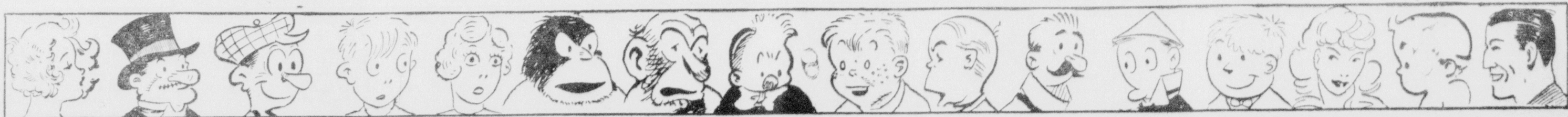
NOW, CLASS, I THINK WE'LL HAVE TO AWARD OSCAR SIX STARS FOR BRINGING IN THE MOST UNUSUAL SPECIMEN!

HOW YA GONNA KNOW HOW UNUSUAL IT IS UNTIL WE FIND OUT WHAT IT IS?

YOU TAKE IT TO MISS STODDARD, IN THE NEXT BUILDING! SHE'S THE BIOLOGY EXPERT IN THIS SCHOOL... SHE'LL KNOW WHAT IT IS!

OKAY!

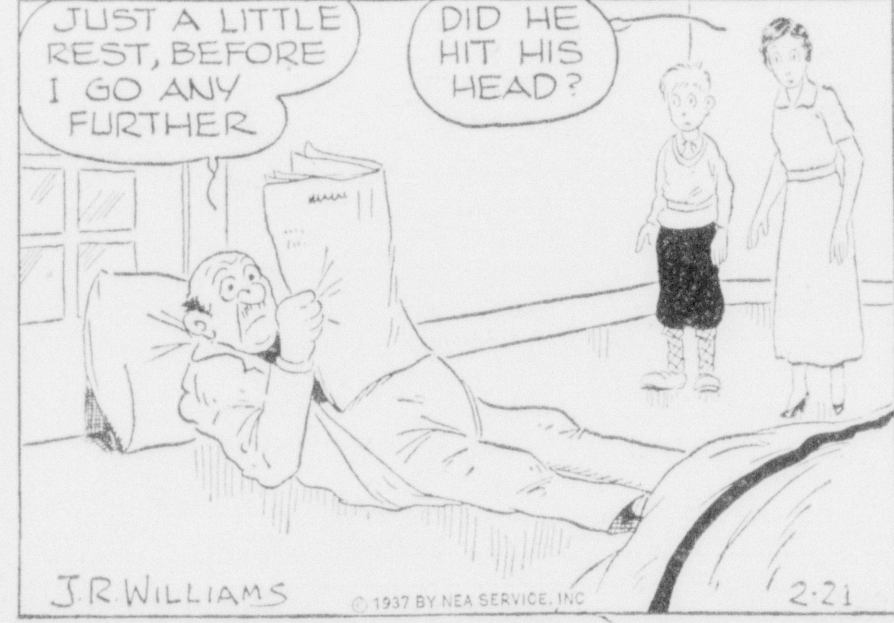
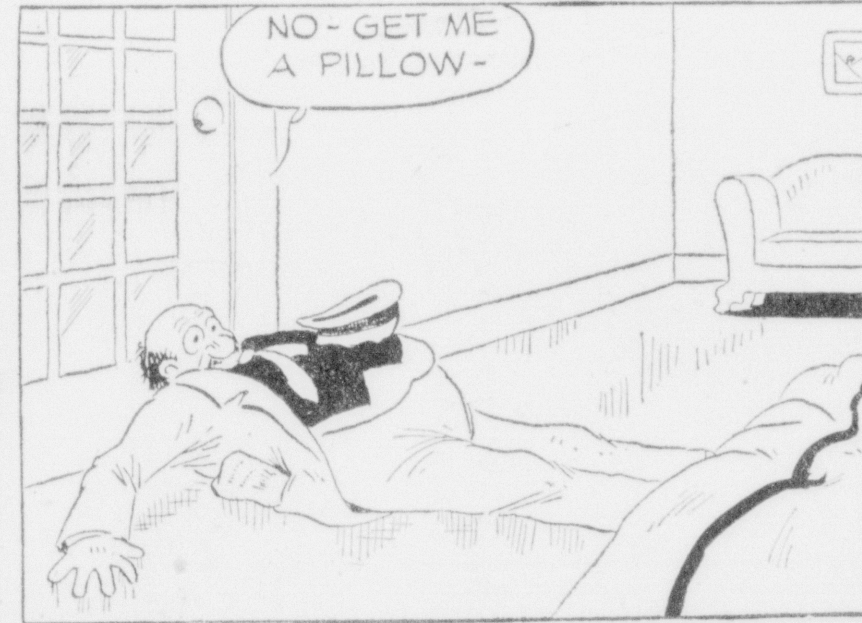
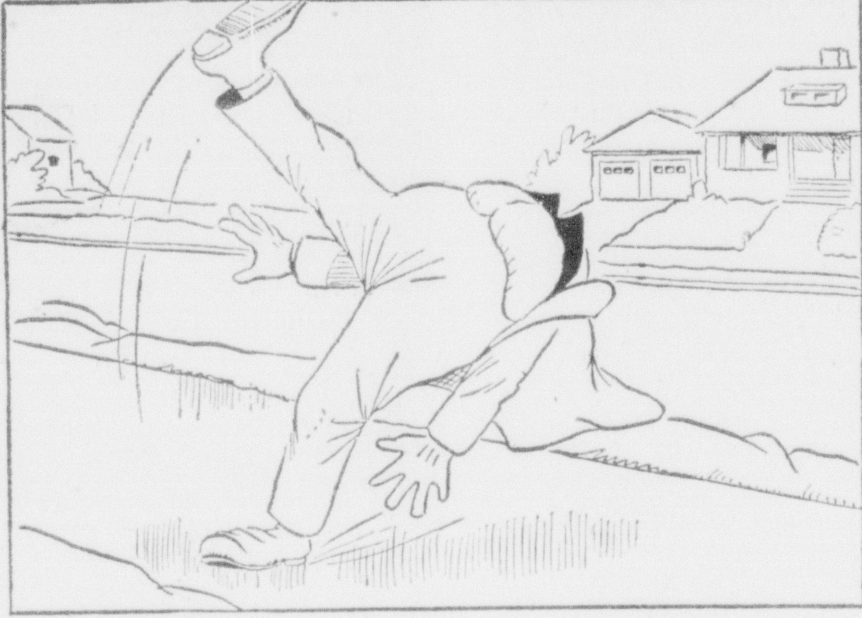
MISS STODDARD SAYS IT'S A QUEEN BEE!!



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OUT OUR WAY

The Willets
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THE COMIC ZOO

By Scarbo

